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District Man Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping and Assault With Intent to Commit First Degree Sexual Abuse

WASHINGTON - Jack Robinson, 50, of Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty today in connection with his abduction and attempted rape of a stranger off the street, U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced. The defendant pled guilty to one count of Kidnaping and one count of Assault With Intent to Commit First Degree Sexual Abuse before the Honorable Herbert Dixon in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

According to the government's factual proffer at the plea hearing, shortly after 12:00 a.m. on October 13, 2009, the defendant ran up and grabbed the victim from behind as she was walking in the 200 block of 17th Street, SE, between Independence and Massachusetts Avenues. The defendant pulled the victim into a nearby alley, forced her to the ground, and began punching her. The defendant then lowered his pants and attempted to rape the victim. A number of residents heard the victim screaming and called 911. Due to the quick response by the Metropolitan Police Department and a number of helpful residents, the defendant was apprehended on the scene. An examination of DNA evidence recovered from the defendant after his arrest linked him to the crime.

Sentencing in the case is scheduled for April 6, 2010. At sentencing, the defendant faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years for Kidnaping and 15 years for Assault With Intent to Commit First Degree Sexual Abuse. Under the District of Columbia's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, the defendant will likely receive a total sentence of between five-and-a-half and twelve years in jail.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the outstanding work of the lead Detective Kimberly Crosby of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and also acknowledged the excellent work of MPD Officers Daniel Hemmer, Anna Ewald, Charles "C.J." Smith, David Augustine, Matthew Batko, Bryan Mancuso and Carl White, MPD Sergeants Joseph Massey, Ronny Arce and Anthony Mable, MPD Evidence Technicians Ralph Nitz, Kelvin King, Edward Roach, Tony Nwani and Leo Strong, MPD DNA Examiner Jennifer Zeffer, and MPD Detective Andre "A.D." Williams. U.S. Attorney Phillips also commended the support

of staff members of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Victim Advocate Veronica Vaughan, Paralegal Specialists Cynthia Muhammad and Jason Manuel, Legal Assistants Charmonique Price and Catherine Bouldin, and Litigation Technology Specialists Leif Hickling, Joshua Ellen, William Henderson and Paul Howell. Finally, the U.S. Attorney praised the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Rubenstein, who indicted and prosecuted the case.

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